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could there be an equivalent number of appeals from that number of cases in Small Claims Court, Senator Ashford?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So what you are doing, members of the Legislature, is not reducing the number of actions that will go to the regular court system. What you are doing is opening up the Small Claims Court system to all of these claims on an unlimited basis. I just wish that somebody else were trying to make these points clear so that the issue could be looked at and there would be an understanding of what we are dealing with. Senator Ashford has answered every question, I have asked him, very forthrightly. But I don't think it's registering at all. If this bill is being offered in the interest of conserving judicial resources, it is not going to accomplish that. It is going to increase the drain on the courts at the small claims level and at whatever court you appeal it to, depending on what county you happen to be in where there might be a Small Claims Court. So I am asking that you strike this from the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, please. Senator Vard Johnson on deck.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I move we adjourn.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You have heard the motion to adjourn. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator McFarland has amendments to 198 to be printed. (See pages 1716-18 of the Legislative Journal.)

New resolution, Mr. President, regarding the Legislature offering its congratulations to South Sioux City for its centennial celebration. That will be laid over. (LR 88 appears on page 1716 of the Legislative journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is, shall we adjourn? All in favor say aye.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Vote.

SPEAKER BARRETT: All in favor of the motion to adjourn vote aye, opposed...yes or no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.